

<b>Activity:</b>	<b>General Management Planning</b>
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**Activity Summary**

Program Component	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006			Change From 2005 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
General Management	7,171	7,100	+63	0	7,163	+63
Strategic Planning	656	654	+12	0	666	+12
Special Resource Studies	493	495	+13	0	508	+13
Environmental Planning and Compliance	4,935	4,879	+38	0	4,917	+38
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>13,255</b>	<b>13,128</b>	<b>+126</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,254</b>	<b>+126</b>

**Authorization**

16 U.S.C. 1	The National Park Service Organic Act
16 U.S.C. 1a-5	Additional Areas for National Park System
42 U.S.C. 4321	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
Public Law 102-154	Interior Appropriations for the period ending September 30, 1992

**Mission Overview**

The General Management Planning program supports all NPS goals by providing long-term planning functions to the park and Servicewide levels. More specifically, the components support the following NPS goal categories: preserve park resources; provide for visitor enjoyment; strengthen and preserve natural and cultural resources and enhance recreational opportunities managed by partners; and, organizational effectiveness. The program also supports Department of the Interior goals to protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources, to provide recreation opportunities for America, and to safeguard lives, property and assets, advance scientific knowledge, and improve the quality of life for communities we serve.

**Activity Overview****General Management Plans**

This program component prepares and maintains up-to-date plans to guide National Park Service actions for the protection, use, development, and management of each park unit. General Management Plans support the Department's strategic plan by defining the desired conditions for watersheds, landscapes, marine and biological resources, cultural resources, and opportunities for quality recreational experiences.

**Strategic Planning**

This program component provides strategic planning supporting Service-wide performance management, Activity Based Costing/Management, and performance budgeting. The component prepares strategic plans to meet the requirements of the Results Act (Government Performance and Results Act of 1993) in coordination with the Department of Interior, Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

**Special Resources Studies**

This program component conducts studies of alternatives for the protection of areas that may have potential for addition to the National Park System or other designations.

**Environmental Planning and Compliance**

This program component completes environmental impact statements for special projects.

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**Activity:** General Management Planning  
**Program Component:** General Management Plans

### **FY 2006 Base Program Overview**

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The General Management Planning program component provides a coordinated oversight and support function to help parks complete general management plans. Through documentation and guidance, the GMP program provides background information to parks completing GMPs. The program provides staff assistance in the form of interdisciplinary teams which complete the research, analysis, and documentation of the GMP planning process.

The National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 directs the NPS to prepare and revise in a timely manner "General Management Plans for the preservation and use of each unit of the National Park System." General Management Plans (GMPs) establish specific goals and objectives, a basic philosophy for management, and strategies for resolving major issues related to park purposes as defined by Congress. GMPs are required by law to include:

1. measures for preservation of the area's resources,
2. indications of the type and general intensity of development including visitor circulation and transportation patterns along with locations, timing, and anticipated costs,
3. identification of visitor carrying capacities, and
4. indications of potential modifications to the external boundaries of the unit.

General management plans provide the basic guidance for how the park will carry out responsibilities for protection of park resources unimpaired for future generations while providing for appropriate visitor use and enjoyment. The GMP also provides a framework for coordinating interpretive programs, maintenance, facility development, and resource management to promote efficient operations. Priorities for funding general management planning projects are determined by an evaluation of issues confronting the parks and statutory requirements for recently authorized additions to the National Park System. In FY 2006, a system based on the Choosing By Advantages methodology will continue to be used to determine priorities for GMP starts and maintain accountability for completion of projects within estimated budgets.

Plans are prepared by interdisciplinary teams including the park superintendent and staff, landscape architects, community planners, and specialists in natural and cultural resources, environmental design, concessions management, interpretation, public involvement and other fields as needed. Planning work is accomplished by teams from the Denver Service Center, regional offices, and private contractors.. The planning process emphasizes Secretary Norton's commitment to the "4C's" by including extensive consultation, communication, and cooperation with the public and State, local, and tribal officials, to clearly define park purpose and significance, goals and objectives, identify desired future conditions, and evaluate alternatives for conservation. Notices of plan availability are reviewed and cleared by the Department before being published in the Federal Register.

A final, approved planning document is only one obvious result of the planning process. Some other important results of general management planning include public involvement and understanding of park mission and goals, guidance on appropriate treatments for natural and cultural resources, and strategies for managing visitor use. Coordination and cooperation with State and local officials, tribes, and other agencies, adjacent land managers, property owners, and other potential partners is an especially important result of planning. Plans also evaluate environmental consequences and socioeconomic impacts, estimate differences in costs, and identify phasing for implementation as well as ways to mitigate potential adverse impacts on park resources. In FY 2006, emphasis will continue to be placed on assuring that NPS produces realistic plans that consider life cycle costs, fiscal constraints on the Federal Government, promote partnerships to help accomplish results, and support creative solutions to management challenges that do not necessarily depend on development of new facilities. Special

attention will be given to assuring that assumptions about visitation increases are realistic and that the role of visitor centers is carefully scrutinized in light of costs for development and long term operations.

NPS guidelines indicate that GMPs should be designed for a fifteen to twenty year timeframe. While plans for some units are viable for more than twenty years, many others become obsolete in less than five years. Changes in resource conditions, public use patterns, influences from surrounding areas, and legislated boundaries often come more frequently than expected. Many plans approved in past years envision a level of new development and staffing that is not likely to be realized in the foreseeable future, so these plans need to be revised. As of December 31, 2004, more than 200 parks lacked a GMP or have one that is more than fifteen years old and overdue to be replaced or substantially revised. The GMP program also supports management planning for units of the National Trails System, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Affiliated Areas and other special projects where Congress has directed the NPS to prepare a management plan in cooperation with others. In FY 2005, fifteen projects in line to begin on the Servicewide priority list were deferred so that available funds could be directed to completing planning projects already underway.

Updated planning program standards are scheduled to be implemented in 2005-06 as part of continuing efforts to streamline its planning function and improve services to parks and the public. In FY 2006, a small portion of the program will continue to provide a variety of planning services to meet needs defined by parks and their partners without necessarily completing all of the steps in a traditional GMP. General Management Plans are not intended to provide specifications for facility design. They do evaluate the general character and intensity of development needed to meet visitor needs and protect park resources. Linkages between general management planning and other strategic and operational planning in the National Park Service also will continue to be improved. Planning at various levels of detail will help support the performance management system developed to meet requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act.

#### **Anticipated FY 2006 General Management Planning Work \***

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| • Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, Kentucky           | • Hopewell Furnace NHS, Pennsylvania  |
| • Agate Fossil Beds NM, Nebraska**                   | • Hovenweep NM, Colorado  |
| • Ala Kahakai NHT, Hawaii                            | • John Day Fossil Beds NM, Oregon   |
| • Amistad NRA, Texas                                 | • John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS, Massachusetts**                                    |
| • Anacostia Park, District of Columbia               | • Johnstown Flood NMem, Pennsylvania**  |
| • Apostle Islands NL, Wisconsin                      | • Kings Canyon NP, California   |
| • Aztec Ruins, NM, Arizona                           | • Kings Mountain NMP, South Carolina**  |
| • Badlands NP, South Dakota                          | • Knife River Indian Villages NHS, North Dakota**                                 |
| • Big Cypress NP, Florida                            | • Lava Beds NM, California**  |
| • Big Thicket NP, Texas                              | • Lincoln Home NHS, Illinois  |
| • Biscayne NP, Florida                               | • Little River Canyon NP, Alabama   |
| • Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina                 | • Manassas NB Park, Virginia  |
| • Bryce Canyon NP, Utah**                            | • Martin Van Buren NHS, New York**  |
| • Buck Island Reef NM, Virgin Islands                | • Minidoka Internment NM, Idaho   |
| • Buffalo NR, Arkansas**                             | • Minuteman Missile NHS, South Dakota   |
| • Canaveral NS, Florida                              | • Minute Man NHP, Massachusetts   |
| • Canyon de Chelly NM, Arizona                       | • Monocacy NB, Maryland   |
| • Capulin Volcano NM, New Mexico                     | • Montezuma Castle NM, Arizona  |
| • Casa Grande Ruins NM, Arizona                      | • New River Gorge NR, West Virginia   |
| • Castillo San Marcos NM, Florida                    | • Nez Perce NHP, Idaho  |
| • Catocin Mountain Park, Maryland**                  | • Old Spanish Trail NHT, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada & Utah |
| • Cedar Creek & Belle Grove NHP, Virginia            | • Olympic NP, Washington  |
| • Channel Islands NP, California                     | • Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri                                       |
| • Chattahoochee River NRA, Georgia                   | • Padre Island NS, Texas  |
| • Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP, Maryland              | • Parashant NM, Nevada  |
| • Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP, Georgia & Tennessee | • Pea Ridge NMP, Arkansas   |
| • City of Rocks NRes, Idaho**                        | • Pinnacles NM, California**  |
| • Colorado NMem, Colorado                            | • Pipestone NM, Minnesota   |
| • Cumberland Gap NHP, Kentucky, Tennessee & Virginia | • Point Reyes NS, California  |

- Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP, Ohio
- Denali NP, Alaska
- Ebey's Landing NHRs, Washington
- Effigy Mounds, Iowa
- Everglades NP, Florida
- Fire Island NS, New York\*\*
- Flight 93 NMem, Pennsylvania
- Fort Matanzas NMem, Florida
- Fort Pulaski NMem, Georgia
- Fort Raleigh NHS, North Carolina
- Fort Union NM, New Mexico\*\*
- Frederick Law Olmsted NHS\*\*
- Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial NMP, Virginia
- Gates of the Arctic NPres, Alaska
- George Washington Birthplace NM, Virginia
- Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, New Mexico\*\*
- Golden Gate NRA, California
- Governors Island NM, New York
- Grand Teton NP, Wyoming\*\*
- Great Sand Dunes NP, Colorado
- Gulf Islands NS, Florida
- Harpers Ferry NHP, West Virginia
- Hawaii Volcanoes NP, Hawaii
- Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS, New York
- Potomac Heritage NST, Virginia, Maryland & Pennsylvania\*\*
- Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront NHP, California
- Ross Lake NRA, Washington\*\*
- Sagamore Hill NHS, New York
- Saguaro NP, Arizona
- Salt River Bay NHP & Ecological Preserve, Virgin Islands
- San Juan Island NHP, Washington
- Sequoia NP, California
- Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Michigan\*\*
- Springfield Armory NHS, Massachusetts\*\*
- Statue of Liberty NM, New York, New Jersey
- Tuzigoot NMem, Arizona
- Tuskegee Airmen NHS, Alabama
- Valley Forge NHP, Pennsylvania
- Vanderbilt Mansion NHS, New York
- Virgin Islands Coral Reef NM, Virgin Islands
- Virgin Islands NP, Virgin Islands
- Wekiva Wild and Scenic River, Florida
- Women's Rights NHP, New York\*\*
- Wrangell-St. Elias NP&Pres, Alaska
- Yucca House NM, Colorado

\* This list is subject to change in response to requests to accelerate or delay schedules to better coordinate with partners, available staff or contractors, and other agencies.

\*\* Potential New Starts

### **FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments**

One of the most important measures of program accomplishment is the success in engaging the public and interested organizations in the National Park Service's decision processes. In FY 2004, for example, a sample of 25 plans produced 22,685 newsletters, draft plans, and other documents circulated to the public. These planning projects held 55 public meetings, and consulted with many more agencies and organizations. The success of planning projects does not come simply from having a signed document—its also the stewardship and partnership that occur when we communicate and coordinate with the public and our agency partners to plan for the future of our National Park System.

The rate of plan completion in FY 2004 reflected an improvement over 2003, but is still not as high as targeted primarily because of competing commitments for limited staff in parks and support offices, and new steps required to complete environmental or other compliance documents. Many target dates were delayed by requests for additional opportunities for public comment. The time and cost to complete GMP's often reflects factors beyond the immediate control of the NPS such as the increased demands for extended consultation with a wide variety of interested individuals and organizations, coordination with State and local governments, tribal governments, and other Federal agencies.

The following General Management Plans were approved in FY 2004:

- Arkansas Post NMem, Arkansas
- Big Bend NP, Texas
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, New Mexico
- Colonial NHP, Green Spring Unit, Virginia
- Coronado NMem, Arizona
- Fort Vancouver NHS
- Grand Portage NM, Minnesota
- Herbert Hoover NHS, Iowa
- Navajo NMem, Arizona
- Saratoga NHP, New York

- Shiloh NMP – Corinth Unit, Tennessee
- Sunset Crater NM, Arizona
- Wupatki NM, Arizona

### FY 2005 Planned Program Performance

In FY 2005, general management plans for 20 units are expected to be complete with respect to their funding needs although some additional months may be required to have final records of decision signed. Following is a list of general management planning projects where FY 2005 is the last year that funds will be required. If records of decision are not final in FY 2005 they are expected to follow early in FY 2006.

#### General Management Plans Scheduled for Completion of Funding in FY 2005 \*

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| • Acadia NP (Schoodic Unit), Maine           | • Fort Vancouver NM, Washington,         |
| • Appomattox Courthouse NHP, Virginia        | • Guadalupe Mountains NP, Texas          |
| • Boston African American NHS, Massachusetts | • Hampton NHS, Maryland                  |
| • Boston Harbor Islands NRA, Massachusetts   | • Lincoln Boyhood NMem, Indiana          |
| • Crater Lake NP, Oregon                     | • Lower East Side Tenement NHS, New York |
| • Craters of the Moon, Idaho                 | • Niobrara NSR, Nebraska & South Dakota  |
| • Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Ohio           | • Petersburg NB, Virginia                |
| • First Ladies NHS, Ohio                     | • Rio Grande Wild & Scenic River, Texas  |
| • Fort Donelson NB, Tennessee & Kentucky     | • Rock Creek Park, District of Columbia  |
| • Fort Stanwix NM, New York                  | • Selma to Montgomery NHT, Alabama       |

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### Use of Cost and Performance information

In 2005, a system of post-project evaluations was initiated to determine what measurable goals were being achieved in each completed planning project. This system includes interviews with park managers, staff and partners to identify crucial results and opportunities for process improvements. These post project evaluations will continue in 2006 to provide information on additional opportunities to improve productivity in the program.

**Activity:** General Management Planning  
**Program Component:** Strategic Planning

### FY 2006 Base Program Overview

The Strategic Planning program component implements the Departmental Strategic Plan through the development and implementation of a compatible National Park Service Strategic Plan. The NPS strategic plan provides guidance for parks and programs in developing their own long-term plans. The component oversees goal and performance measure development, on-going performance measurement, verification and validation of performance data, analysis of work activities, integration of performance and budgeting, and coordination with Departmental planning efforts and Activity Based Costing/Management (ABC/M). Key areas include assistance to NPS management in developing strategic plans and managing performance at the National and local levels.

This program component provides strategic planning supporting Service-wide performance management, Activity Based Costing/Management, and performance budgeting. The component prepares strategic plans to meet the requirements of the Results Act (Government Performance and Results Act of 1993) in coordination with the Department of Interior, Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

The Service's multi-year strategic planning function ensures the NPS and its leadership have a focused, systematic approach to developing long-term strategies and the continuous organizational development needed to address changing social, political, economic, and demographic realities. A major responsibility for this program is ongoing coordination of Servicewide implementation of the Results Act (Government Performance and Results Act of 1993). The Department of the Interior's "One" Strategic Plan incorporates outcome measures, intermediate outcomes and outputs from all bureaus. The NPS Strategic Plan cross-walks from the Department's identified measures to NPS specific goals, performance measures, and ABC/M activities. Servicewide information and guidance for a field-oriented process of Results Act implementation and performance/budget integration is provided through a comprehensive network of goal groups, Servicewide goal contacts, regional goal contacts, regional performance management coordinators, and park coordinators. The network is guided by the Office of Strategic Planning.

### **FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments**

Annual performance plans are produced in conjunction with each fiscal year budget cycle. Work in FY 2004 for performance management implementation included:

- ongoing coordination of the *National Park Service Strategic Plan* implementation
- preparation and revision of Servicewide Fiscal Year Annual Performance Plans to parallel the budget formulation process
- work with the NPS Budget Office on integration of performance and budget through ABC/M
- preparation of Servicewide Annual Performance Report for FY 2003
- ongoing participation in preparation of Departmental strategic plan and NPS Annual Performance Plans and Reports
- extensive coordination with five Servicewide goal groups (natural, cultural, visitors, external partnerships, and organizational effectiveness) on development and refinement of Servicewide goals, development of strategies to achieve goals, identification of external factors affecting goal achievement, data refinement, verification and validation, and program evaluations
- ongoing Servicewide training for performance management and Results Act implementation,
- extensive coordination with Regional coordinators and Goal Contacts and support to park and programs in their implementation of performance management and extensive training of park staffs
- refinement and expansion of Servicewide Performance Management Data System (PMDS), which is used to track performance goals and accomplishments
- extensive performance data analysis and evaluation, and performance data verification and validation
- the ongoing refinement of linkages with operations, information systems, budget formulation and financial reporting systems, planning, and personnel

### **FY 2005 Planned Program Performance**

During FY 2005 the program's work will include performance management implementation through

- ongoing coordination of the *National Park Service Strategic Plan* implementation and coordination with the Department.
- preparation and/or revision of Servicewide Fiscal Year Annual Performance Plans for FY 2006 that parallel the budget formulation process
- work with the NPS Budget Office on integration of performance and budget through ABC/M
- preparation of Servicewide Annual Performance Report for FY 2004 and FY 2005
- extensive coordination on development and refinement of Servicewide goals, development of strategies to achieve goals, identification of external factors affecting goal achievement, data refinement, verification and validation, and program evaluations
- ongoing Servicewide training for performance management and Results Act implementation,
- extensive coordination with Regional coordinators and Goal Contacts and support to park and programs in their implementation of performance management and supporting extensive training of park staffs
- ongoing refinement and expansion of Servicewide Performance Management Data System (PMDS), which is used to track performance goals and accomplishments
- extensive performance data analysis and evaluation, and performance data verification and validation

- the ongoing refinement of linkages with operations, information systems, budget formulation and financial reporting systems, planning, and personnel

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**Activity:** General Management Planning  
**Program Component:** Special Resources Studies

### **FY 2006 Base Program Overview**

The Special Resource Studies program component evaluates potential national park or affiliated sites through information gathering and analysis. This enables consistent use of criteria in evaluating potential sites, and to report clear findings to Congress.

As directed by Congress (16 U.S.C. 1a-5), the National Park Service monitors resources that exhibit qualities of national significance, and conducts studies where specifically authorized, to determine if areas have potential for inclusion in the National Park System. Special Resource Studies collect information about candidate areas to determine if they meet established criteria for significance, suitability, and feasibility as potential additions to the National Park System. These studies also evaluate alternative concepts for protection by others outside of the National Park System. The primary purposes of the study program are to provide information for Congress in evaluating the quality of potential new park units, and to encourage the protection of important resources in ways that will not impose undue pressure on the limited fiscal resources available for existing NPS units.

Following is a list of Special Resource Study projects expected to be ongoing in FY 2006. Available funds will be directed to completing previously authorized studies rather than any new projects. NPS expects that additional analysis of life cycle costs and environmental consequences will identify the potential costs of adding new units to the NPS.

The Department intends to focus its attention and resources on taking care of existing responsibilities, such as addressing facility maintenance needs, rather than continuing the rapid expansion of new NPS responsibilities. The Department does not expect to submit a list of proposed authorizations for any new studies or new park units along with the budget submission as envisioned by Public Law 105-391, so that progress can be made in completing the projects currently underway and previously authorized.

<b>Ongoing Studies in FY 2006</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>African American Themes, Nationwide</li> <li>Buffalo Bayou Heritage, Texas</li> <li>Coltsville, Connecticut</li> <li>Great Falls Historic District, New Jersey</li> <li>Harriet Tubman Sites, New York &amp; Maryland</li> <li>Manhattan Project Sites, New Mexico, Tennessee and Washington</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miami Circle, Florida</li> <li>Muscle Shoals Heritage, Alabama</li> <li>Niagara Falls Heritage, New York</li> <li>San Gabriel River Watershed, California</li> <li>Virginia Key Beach, Florida</li> <li>Waco Mammoth Site, Texas</li> </ul>

### **FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments**

In FY 2004 the Department of the Interior transmitted 7 completed special resource studies to Congress. Over the past 20 years only about one in every four or five studies finds that an area is eligible for inclusion in the National Park System. Between 2003 and 2004 only one of the 12 studies NPS forwarded to Congress found the area eligible for designation as a unit of the National Park System. The special resource study program has included many projects directed by Congress where the NPS and the community have agreed that existing programs of technical or financial assistance are preferable to the establishment of a new park with long-term management responsibilities and major funding commitments for the NPS. Experience to date has indicated that adequately prepared studies help defend the integrity of the park system against expansions into areas that fail to meet established standards, while allowing for a few carefully selected new units that are of outstanding importance to the nation.

The following Studies were transmitted to Congress in FY 2004:

- Hot Springs High School, Arkansas
- Upper Housatonic River Valley, Connecticut
- Crossroads of the American Revolution, New Jersey
- World War II Sites in Palau
- Women's Rights Trail, New York
- Gaviota Coast Seashore, California
- Battle of Homestead & Carrie Furnace, Pennsylvania

The following studies received their final funding allotments in FY 2005 and are being completed or are in the transmittal process.

- Angel Island, California
- Chesapeake Bay Sites, Maryland and Virginia
- Civil Rights Sites, Multi State
- Lincoln Highway, Multi State
- Low Country Gullah Culture, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia
- Robert Moton High School, Virginia
- Vicksburg Campaign Trail, Multi State
- World War II Home Front

Public Law 105-391, enacted on November 13, 1998, updated the process for considering new additions to the National Park System. Each new study proposal is required to be forwarded to Congress and specifically authorized. The study program in 2005 and in 2006 will focus on completing projects previously directed by Congress to evaluate important resources and find ways to protect them that do not necessarily involve Federal land acquisition or long-term commitments for management and operations by the NPS. These studies will place an increased emphasis on examining the full life-cycle operation and maintenance costs that would result from a newly created or expanded park unit or some other NPS funding responsibility.

### **FY 2005 Program Performance**

In FY 2005, the NPS has 21 studies in progress supported by this program including 6 studies of potential heritage areas and 15 studies involving potential new park units. Seven projects authorized in previous years are scheduled for completion with respect to funding needs in FY 2005.

#### **Special Resource Studies Scheduled for Completion of Funding in FY 2005**

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| • Bainbridge Island/Japanese Memorial, Washington | • Great Falls Historic District, New Jersey   |
| • Fort King, Florida                              | • Harriet Tubman Sites, New York and Maryland |
| • Fort Hunter Liggett, California                 | • Kate Mullaney House, New York               |
|   | • Niagara Falls Heritage, NY                  |

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<b>Activity:</b>	<b>General Management Planning</b>
<b>Program Component:</b>	<b>Environmental Impact Planning and Compliance</b>

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### **FY 2006 Base Program Overview**

The Environmental Impact Planning and Compliance program component supports parks, regions, and WASO offices in the process of completing Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), Environmental Assessments (EAs), and other compliance actions related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These planning and compliance actions relate to major management decisions (e.g., General Management Plan) and thorough completion helps ensure appropriate stewardship of natural and cultural resources.



The National Park Omnibus Management Act of 1998 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) require park management decisions to be based on a full examination of alternatives and impacts and opportunities for public involvement. This program enhances the National Park Service's ability to prepare environmental impact statements and fulfill other environmental planning and evaluations required by law. The FY 2006 level requested for this program would be used to respond to an increasing number of court or legislatively mandated environmental documents to support sound resource based decisions. Funding would also be utilized to support technically proficient project leaders to work with park based specialists in preparing complex documents, facilitate public and agency reviews, and help ensure that decisions are legally and environmentally sustainable. Anticipated results would include better conditions for park resources, improved quality of visitor experiences, decisions that are upheld in court, and reduced costs for projects conducted under court mandated schedules.

**Ongoing Impact Analysis:**

- Bandelier NP, Ecosystem Restoration Plan, New Mexico
- Benefits Sharing Implementation, NPS-Wide Programmatic Statement
- Catoctin Mountain Park, Deer Management, Maryland
- Grand Teton NP, Bison/Elk Management
- Indiana Dunes NL, Deer Management, Indiana
- Mojave NP, Grazing Management, California
- North Cascades NP, Fishery Management EIS, Washington (Court mandated)
- Cape Lookout NS – Complete Court Mandated EA/EIS for Cape Lookout Village
- Cape Cod NS - Complete Court Ordered EIS for Hunting
- Golden Gate NRA – Pet Management, Public Use Plan and Regulation
- Big South Fork NRA – Oil and Gas Management Plan/EIS
- Curecanti NRA – Management Plan EA for Sand and Gravel Operations
- Great Smoky Mountains NP – Elkmont Environmental Impact Statement
- Mesa Verde NP – Fire Management EIS
- Yellowstone NP Winter Use Plan, EIS
- Grand Teton NP Winter Use Plan, EIS
- Wind Cave NP Elk Management Plan, EIS
- Theodore Roosevelt NP Elk Management EIS
- Cuyahoga Valley NP Deer Management Plan
- Rock Creek Park Telecommunications Facility EIS (Court Ordered)
- South Florida and Caribbean Parks Exotic Plant Management Plan EIS
- Mid West Parks Exotic Plant Management Plan EA
- Oregon Inlet Management Plan EIS

**Personal Watercraft Management Studies:**

- Amistad NRA, Texas
- Assateague Island NS, Maryland
- Big Thicket NP, Texas
- Cape Lookout NS, North Carolina
- Chickasaw NRA, Oklahoma
- Curecanti NRA, Colorado
- Fire Island NS, New York
- Gateway NRA, New York
- Glen Canyon NRA, Utah
- Gulf Islands NS, Florida
- Lake Mead NRA, Nevada
- Lake Meredith NRA, Texas
- Lake Roosevelt NRA, Washington
- Padre Island NS, Texas
- Pictured Rocks NS

**FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments**

Per court settlement with Bluewater Network, environmental analyses are underway, under the Environmental Quality Division leadership and contracts, for 15 parks. The Lake Mead NRA Lake Management Plan was completed proposing personal watercraft use to continue as was the personal watercraft plan for Glen Canyon NRA; Lake Roosevelt NRA; Lake Meredith NRA; Chickasaw NRA; and Amistad NRA. Projects have been initiated with funding to seek public input and complete environmental analyses for ecosystem restoration of landscapes and habitat at Bandelier NM; management of mountain lakes fisheries at North Cascades NP and Recreation Complex; exotic vegetation species management for South Florida and Caribbean Parks; and deer management at Indiana Dunes NL. An integrated system to relate funding, planning, compliance and public comment has been developed and mandated

for all NPS projects (Planning, Environment and Public Comment). This will assure better coordination and timely completion of compliance through use of one web-based system. In addition, the following projects were undertaken or completed:

- Biscayne NP, Stiltsville Study and Fisheries Management Plan, Florida
- Capital Reef NP, Burr Trail Study, Utah
- Economic Studies, Snowmobiling
- Glacier Bay NP&Pres, Falls Creek EIS, Alaska
- Glacier Bay NP&Pres, Vessel Management EIS
- Grand Teton NP, Jackson Bison/Elk Management EIS, Wyoming
- Grand Teton NP, Winter Use Plan/EIS
- Personal Water Craft Environment Documents
- Yellowstone NP, Bison EIS, Wyoming
- Yellowstone NP, Winter Use Plan/EIS
- Cape Hatteras NS, Oregon Inlet Dredging, North Carolina
- Cuyahoga Valley NRA, Deer Management, Ohio
- South Florida and Caribbean Parks, Exotic Plant Management Impact Assessment, Florida
- Fire Island NS, Erosion Management/Beach Preservation, New York
- Great Smoky Mountains NP, Cades Cove EIS, Tennessee/North Carolina
- Lake Mead NRA, Emergency Low Water Activities, Nevada
- Rock Creek Park, Cell Tower Assessment, District of Columbia
- Midwest Parks, Exotic Plant Management Impact Assessment
- Theodore Roosevelt NP, Elk Management Plan, North Dakota
- Wind Cave NP, Elk Management Plan,, South Dakota
- Off Road Vehicle Plan, Cape Hatteras NS, North Carolina

### **FY 2005 Planned Program Performance**

During FY 2005, this program will provide for preparation of environmental analysis for decisions on actions and projects that do not fit within the normal scope of the construction program or the general management-planning program. For example, previous issues evaluated include management decisions on trail planning, wildlife population and control measures in eastern parks, planning for land exchanges with local governments, providing for cooperative land use planning and management with local governments, providing urgent planning and compliance. This funding allows the requisite planning and environmental evaluation to address those issues whose cost exceed the normal capability of park operating base funds so that decisions can be reached and implemented. Since park base funding normally does not anticipate preparation of complex environmental documents, decisions on important resource management or other issues are delayed or deferred, resulting in a decision backlog which may compound resource damage or result in inadequate public participation. The Service also intends to complete additional guidelines for efficiently conducting environmental analyses for general management plans, federal highway projects, and NPS partnership projects funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In addition to the continuation of a number of projects begun in FY 2004, the new projects for FY 2006 include:

#### **FY 2005 New Starts:**

Apostle Islands NL Snowmobile Plan/EA  
George Washington Memorial Parkway Trail Extension  
Cape Hatteras NS ORV Plan/EIS (Negotiated Rulemaking)  
Olympic NP Fisher Reintroduction Plan/EA (in cooperation with USFS)  
Rock Creek Park Deer Management EIS